GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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OPENING OF SAINIK SCHOOL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open Sainik School in Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and

(b) if not, the reasons for sanctioning an amount of Rupees 17.50 lakhs during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The opening of a Sainik School is subject to the State Government/Union Territory Administration concerned agreeing to provide land, buildings, equipments, scholarships and necessary grants-in-aid for the opening (approximate expenditure Rs. 20 crore) and smooth running (about Rs. 1.5 crore per annum) of the School.

No proposal, meeting all the requirements for opening of a Sainik School in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, has been received by the Sainik Schools Society, Ministry of Defence from Andaman & Nicobar Administration, although Andaman & Nicobar Administration had made a budget provision in Ninth Five Year Plan.